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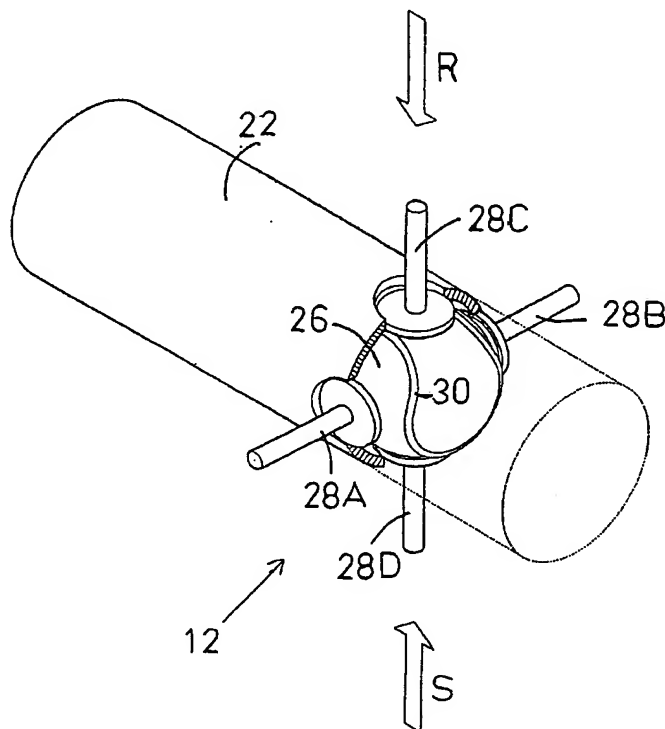
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to an assembly (12) and method of spinning a seamed ball (26) prior to being propelled from a ball propelling machine (10). The assembly can simulate balls propelled in sports such as baseball. The assembly includes at least one pair of opposed ball supports (28A, 28B) to firstly position a loaded ball in a predetermined alignment and to subsequently apply a predetermined amount of spin to the ball prior to being fired from the assembly.

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